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Independent Claims	3	4*	x	200.00	\$0.00
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Small Entity					
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1203	360	2203	180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
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2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
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1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
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1451	1,610	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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In Re the Application of:

William A. Stevens, Jr., et al.

Application No.: 10/073,495

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
LINKING FIRMWARE MODULES IN
A PRE-MEMORY EXECUTION
ENVIRONMENT**

Art Unit: 2116

Examiner: Tse W. Chen

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the outstanding Final Office Action of January 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.